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Attorney Docket No. 43379

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Title WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREFOR, AND WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE

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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
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9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS  
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AND WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE**

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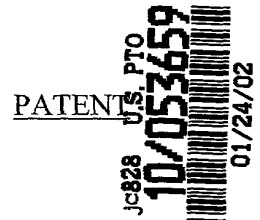
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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicants hereby claim foreign priority  
benefits from Japanese Application No. 2001-017902, filed January 26, 2001, and Japanese  
Application No. 2001-176945, filed June 12, 2001.

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